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## **Skelton, Harman Demand Expedited Success in Iraq**

*WASHINGTON, DC – Today Representative Ike Skelton (MO), Ranking Member on the House Armed Services Committee, and Representative Jane Harman (CA), Ranking Member on the House Intelligence Committee, introduced H.Con.Res.184, a resolution to enhance our prospects for success in Iraq.*

**Text of the resolution is attached.**

The Skelton/Harman resolution expresses the sense of Congress that unless Iraqi forces are trained more quickly and efficiently, our military is going to break under the strain of continued operations. The resolution calls upon the President to develop specific plans to improve the training of Iraqi security forces so they are able to secure their own country.

“With public support for the war in Iraq declining, we are in a race against time,” said **Rep. Ike Skelton (MO)**. “We have to show the American people tangible progress in the training of Iraq’s security forces. Before we can bring our troops home, the Iraqi security forces must be able to provide security for their country.

**Skelton** continued, “Our resolution simply expresses the sense of Congress that the President must develop a plan to achieve success in Iraq without straining America’s military to the breaking point.”

“We are headed toward a serious crisis in Iraq unless we act soon,” **Rep. Jane Harman (CA)** said. “A strong, capable Iraqi security force is one of the only ways the Iraqi people will be able to govern themselves in a stable, secure environment.”

“Our armed forces can only take so much strain before they break. We must act now to see that we never get to that point. Other parts of the world are extremely dangerous and a broken military leaves us vulnerable,” **Harman** concluded.

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